

APUSH SUMMER HOMEWORK: THEMATIC READING QUESTIONS

Number and handwrite each answer in blue or black ink. All wording should be your own unless you quote or cite the text. Please write legibly. If I cannot read your writing it will not be scored.

Beliefs and Culture

1. What religious and social beliefs promoted Spanish and Portuguese colonization in the New World?
2. Compare and contrast European values and ways of life to that of the Indians. Include religion, views on property ownership, gender roles, and views of freedom.
3. How and why did Africans and American Indians both adapt some aspects of European culture and resist European attempts to change their values and beliefs?
4. What regional differences in religion, family life, and community values emerged in the British colonies? What accounted for these differences? Create a chart in order to answer these questions.

America in the World

5. How did economic and political rivalries in Europe affect the forms of colonization in North America?
6. Compare and contrast the political, economic and religious motivations for Spanish, French and Dutch colonization.
7. What effects did Spanish and Portuguese colonists have on the American Indian population?
8. What effects did the Colombian Exchange have in Europe, Africa, and the Americas?

Geography and Environment

9. Using what you read in chapter one about the movement of peoples, explain how North America became the location where East and West came together.
10. How did the varied environments in North and South America shape the emergence of vastly different economic, social, and political development among American Indian societies? Create a chart to answer this question.
11. What was the role of the natural environment in shaping English colonization and group identities in colonial North America?

Identity

12. In what ways did American Indians struggle to maintain their identity and autonomy in the face of Europeans' attempt to subjugate them?
13. Why and how did the English, Spanish, and French develop different views on race, property and liberty and ultimately towards the Natives?

Politics and Power

14. What factors led American Indian societies to resist the European domination and influence?

Exchange, Work and Technology

15. In what ways did the New England economy and government differ from those in the Chesapeake colonies?
16. How did the tobacco economy draw the Chesapeake colonies into the greater Atlantic world?